

page 42 of the application, line 10, delete "as homo- or heteromonomer";

page 42 of the application, line 16, delete "preferably alanine,";

page 43 of the application, line 13, delete "in";

page 43 of the application, lines 14 and 15, delete entirely;

page 43 of the application, line 27, delete "in";

page 43 of the application, lines 28 and 29, delete entirely;

page 44 of the application, lines 9-11, delete "in particular an alkyl radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,";

page 44 of the application, lines 14-16, delete "in particular the alkyl radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,";

page 45 of the application, lines 7-8, delete "in particular an alkyl radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,"; and

page 45 of the application, lines 12-13, delete "in particular the alkyl radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,".

Claims 3-6, line 1 in each, delete "Preparations" and substitute -- Topical preparations --; and

line 2 in each, delete "characterized in that" and substitute -- wherein --.

Claim 6, line 3, delete "topical";

line 4, before "preparations" insert -- topical --; and

line 5, after the first occurrence of "weight" delete "preferably 0.0001 -

1% by weight, in particular 0.0001 - 0.1% by weight,".

Please add the following new claims:

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--11. \ Topical preparations according to claim 6, wherein the oligopeptide(s) is/are present in the cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations in concentrations of 0.0001 - 1% by weight based on the total weight of the preparations.--

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--12. Topical preparations according to claim 6, wherein the oligopeptide(s) is/are present in the cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations in concentrations of 0.0001 - 0.1% by weight based on the total weight of the preparations.--

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 14-1263.